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We have the honour to convey to you the texts of the recommendation of the Member States participating in the multinational force in Haiti and the assessment of the Commander of the multinational force that a secure and stable environment has been established in Haiti. This recommendation and the statement are submitted in accordance with paragraph 8 of resolution 940 (1994) of 31 July 1994, which states that the Security Council will make its determination to terminate the multinational force's mission "taking into account recommendations from the member States of the multinational force, which are based on the assessment of the commander of the multinational force".

We would be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and the accompanying recommendation and statement as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex I

Recommendation of the States members of the multinational force in Haiti to the Security Council on the situation in Haiti

A secure and stable environment now exists in Haiti, and the States members of the multinational force recommend that the Security Council determine that it is appropriate for the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH) to begin assuming the full range of its functions. In making this recommendation, the States members of the multinational force take note of and confirm the findings of the report of the Commander of the multinational force of 9 January 1995. Security Council resolution 940 (1994) authorized the multinational force to facilitate the departure from Haiti of the military leadership, the return of President Aristide and the restoration of the legitimate authorities of the Government of Haiti, and to establish and maintain a secure and stable environment that would permit the implementation of the Governors Island agreement. All of these goals and more have been accomplished.

Annex II

Statement dated 15 January 1995 by the Commander of the multinational force assessing the situation in Haiti

Security Council resolution 940 (1994) sets conditions for the transition from the multinational force to the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH) based upon the assessment of the Commander of the multinational force, and allows the transfer of the multinational force functions to UNMIH when (a) a secure and stable environment has been established and (b) UNMIH has adequate force capability and structure to assume the full range of its functions.

In accordance with resolution 940 (1994), the multinational force Commander in Haiti, in conjunction with subordinate multinational contingent commanders, declares that a secure and stable environment has been established in Haiti, attaining the first of two requirements to satisfy the conditions for the transition to UNMIH. The multinational force has facilitated the departure of the coup leaders from Haiti and the return of President Aristide and other legitimate government authorities, and established the secure and stable environment necessary to permit full implementation of the Governors Island agreement.

In attaining secure and stable conditions, the multinational force has achieved the following:

(a) Elected authorities of the Government of Haiti are able to carry out day-to-day functions without interference. The executive and legislative branches of government are functioning and able to conduct the business of government;

(b) No serious threat of government overthrow exists;

(c) Adequate security provisions are in place to prevent threats to President Aristide or government officials' personal security;

(d) International personnel in Haiti are able to circulate and conduct business freely;

(e) Large-scale civil disorder has ended; Haitian security forces capable of addressing smaller disturbances have been constituted and trained;

(f) Organized political violence has substantially diminished. Most existing violence is the result of criminal activity and social disputes;

(g) The vetting of the Forces Armées d'Haiti, the training of an Interim Public Security Force (IPSF) and the restructuring of the military are under way. Police legislation has been adopted by Parliament, and military reform is under way. The 3,000-man IPSF has been trained and deployed throughout the country in conjunction with international police monitors, who provide a continuous presence and expertise (and will continue to do so under UNMIH).

The multinational force Commander stands ready to assist in the completion of the second condition of Security Council resolution 940 (1994), UNMIH's full readiness, with the goal of a transition from the multinational force to UNMIH in March 1995.

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